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Isla Knight

Isla Knight, the daughter of Eugene and Ina Mariam Knight, was born May 20, 1898, at Corona. As a young girl she moved with her parents to Aberdeen where she was graduated from Central High School. She then entered Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago where she took special training in surgery, emergency cases and contagious diseases. She spent four years at the Chicago Evangelistic Bible Institute and then went to India as a missionary for the Aberdeen Wesleyan Methodist Church. She worked in the Indian Mission field for 42 years. This period was interspersed with furloughs home, at which time she did nursing and took special courses at her alma mater hospital in Chicago.

In 1950 Nepal was opened to outsiders. Shortly thereafter Isla Knight under the leadership of Dr. Robert Fleming and his physician wife opened a hospital at Katmandu the capital of Nepal. This story is geographically recounted in the best seller "The Fabulous Flemings of Katmandu," which was published a few years ago.

Here Isla Knight worked for about ten years, until she became ill and was flown back to the University Hospital at Minneapolis for treatment. She regained from surgery and accepted a position as R. N. in the Ipswich, S. D., hospital for a month and was returned to the University Hospital where she passed away Jan. 21, 1968. Funeral services were held at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Aberdeen, Monday, Jan. 29.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Charles J. Lundberg of San Diego, Calif.; an aunt, Mrs. Alice Knight, Wilmet; cousins, Mrs. Manley Pew, Milbank and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, Sisseton.

Paetznick-Garnes Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.